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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, the Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified patent application the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08B. Copies of these documents are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make all of the listed documents of record.

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Applicant would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO/SB/08, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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